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BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND AMBASSADOR DINITZ JULY 3.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JULY 3.

1. MR. FUNSETH: ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SIMCHA DINITZ MET WITH
SECRETARY KISSINGER AT CANEEL BAY IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ON
THE EVENING OF JULY 1 AND THE MORNING OF JULY 2. THE PURPOSE
OF THE MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD AT THE REQUEST OF THE
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR, WAS TO REVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY THE
PRESENT STATE OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS PRIOR TO THE
AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE FOR ISRAEL ON THURSDAY.

AS YOU KNOW, AMBASSADOR DINITZ MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY
SISCO THIS MORNING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE SAME
SUBJECT.

2. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS TO THE PRESS BY ISRAELI AMBASSADOR
DINITZ AND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH J. SISCO,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, JULY 3, 1975:

UNDER SECRETARY SISCO: AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND I HAVE HAD A
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LONG DISCUSSION THIS MORNING. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP MEETING
WHICH THE AMBASSADOR HAD WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE IN CANEEL BAY. WE FOCUSED ON A NUMBER
OF SPECIFIC POINTS THIS MORNING IN RATHER CONSIDERABLE
DETAIL, AND WE DID THIS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S
REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON CERTAIN POINTS. THE
AMBASSADOR NOW WILL BE GOING BACK TO ISRAEL THIS AFTERNOON,
AND I THINK THAT THE DISCUSSIONS GAVE BOTH OF US AN
OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON A NUMBER OF THESE POINTS IN A
RATHER PRECISE AND DETAILED WAY.

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: I DON'T THINK THAT I HAVE TO ENLARGE
EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THIS MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY

SISCO WAS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CLARIFICATION THAT I WAS REQUESTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE TO ISRAEL FOR CONSULTATION. I THINK THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND SUBSEQUENTLY, THE MEETING WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY, GIVES ME A BETTER POSITION TO RELATE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, TO THE PRIME MINISTER, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT THOSE ITEMS THAT NEEDED CLARIFICATION. AND I WILL BE LEAVING SHORTLY WITHIN 20 MINUTES OR SO, IF I MAKE THE PLANE, TO REPORT TO MY GOVERNMENT.

Q. WERE YOU ENCOURAGED, MR. AMBASSADOR, WITH WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS ABLE TO TELL YOU?

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: I CANNOT GO INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONVERSATION FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, BUT I BELIEVE THAT EVERY CLARIFICATION IS USEFUL.

Q. DO YOU HAVE AN EGYPTIAN MAP?

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: I CANNOT GO INTO THAT.

Q. IS THERE A CHANCE OF THE SECRETARY SEEING MR. RABIN IN EUROPE?

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED THAT THIS MORNING.

UNDER SECRETARY SISCO: ON THAT POINT, THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR THE SECRETARY TO SEE PRIME MINISTER RABIN
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IN EUROPE.

Q. WHO REQUESTED THE MEETING IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS?

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WAS AT MY REQUEST.

3. MR. FUNSETH: IN ADDITION TO HIS (SECRETARY) VISIT TO GENEVA ON JULY 10 AND 11 TO MEET WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL ALSO BE VISITING PARIS, BONN AND LONDON IN RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES, GENSCHER AND CALLAGHAN RESPECTIVELY. THESE THREE STOPS WILL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF NORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

Q. THE SECRETARY AND THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER WILL BE IN BONN AT THE SAME TIME. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THEY MAY MEET THERE?

A. THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS.

Q. DO YOU RULE IT OUT COMPLETELY?

A. ON BACKGROUND, I WOULD NOT RULE IT OUT COMPLETELY.
BUT ON THE RECORD, THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS.

Q. BOTH AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND MR. SISCO SPOKE OF "CLARIFICATIONS" -- WHAT ARE THEY CLARIFYING?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO EXPAND ON WHAT THE UNDER SECRETARY
AND AMBASSADOR SAID JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO IN THE LOBBY.

Q. WILL YOU SAY ON WHAT THEME IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE
DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS WILL FOCUS? WILL IT BE THE MIDDLE
EAST? WILL IT BE THE ENERGY PROBLEM AND THE POSSIBLE
RECONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER-PRODUCERS CON-
FERENCE? WHAT WILL IT BE?

A. I WOULD NOT LIMIT THE AGENDA. IT WILL BE ALL-INCLUSIVE.
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